

Art on display Thursday and Friday *M.Z. Early Days play* was a smash hit

MCKENZIE-SMITH NEWS

BY MARY BETH ROBERTSON
On Thursday, April 28 we had Jump Rope for Heart. Everyone should have their money in by now but if you don't, hurry up!
May 3 we had a luncheon for our parent volunteers. Once again, thanks to them all. On May 10 we were to have our track and field day but because of the solar eclipse it was held off until yesterday.
Last week we received our fundraiser orders and they should be delivered by now. Remember to get their money in — the sooner you get your money in the sooner the draw for the great prizes.

Last Thursday, class 74 went to the Metro Toronto Zoo. A special thank you from Ms MacDougall for behaving so well. On Thurs-

day and Friday some of our Grade 7 and 8 classes will be displaying their art projects in the gym. Good luck to them.

Grade 8s go to Rocky Ridge

ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS

BY ANNE-MARIE MCGERAGLE, TANYA TONKOVICH & MELISSA PAWLAK
The Grade 8s went on a retreat to Rocky Ridge Ranch with Father Duffy. We would like to thank Father Duffy for a great day!
The Grade 7s went to the Skydome to the Journey of Hope at which they had loads of fun.

On Friday the 13th, there was a Mass for the whole school.
The Grade 8s are getting ready for their confirmation which will be held on Thursday, May 19.
Our school has reached its goal in the environmental project.
We would like to welcome back our lunch time supervisor Mrs. Wood. She was greatly missed! We would also like to thank our supply supervisor Mrs. Krasney.

M.Z. BENNETT NEWS

BY NATHAN WILLIAMSON & JOSHUA BREAK
Last week was a most exciting one for everyone at M.Z. Bennett between Earthkeepers returning, and actors, stage producers, prop carpenters and designers working hard to make sure that "Acton's Early Days" would turn out to be a great success. A standing ovation showed everyone that it was a gigantic hit!!!
This week Mr. Shrubsole's class is going on a day trip to a dairy

farm. We hope the Kindergarten class has fun.
Mrs. Mattell's and Ms. Dunnet's classes are doing fruit and vegetable explorations using the five senses. They want to say "thanks" to their All-Star reading coaches for all the help with their reading program.
Miss Lawson's class is learning about where we get our water, how water helps us and how it is important to us. They are also doing water experiments in groups. In Math they are counting money and solving story problems.
Mrs. Bannerman's Grade 2s are learning how to tell time and are doing activities about clocks. The Grade 3s are doing division with remainders. They are also doing water experiments.
Mrs. Spencer's class watched the eclipse on TV. Several of the students have written a play, which they will perform for the class.
Mr. Mashinter's class is continuing their Lego-Logo inventions. Some of the things they are making are neat to watch. Chris Schiller and Matthew Dayman worked on a walking rabbit. Kim Freeland and Laura Barends built a merry-go-round that really works.
Mr. Waitson's class is getting back to their normal schedule. They are catching up on work that they missed during the "Acton Early Days" practices.
Mrs. Graham's class is continuing to work on long division in math and the unit on magnets. In gym, they are learning baseball. The students would like to thank the parent volunteers who stayed overnight at Rocky Ridge Ranch.

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Juno winner at St. Joe's

Music is the most important part of Jack Grunsky's life and he let Acton know it a few weeks ago.

The children's performer, a 1992 Juno award winner and 1993 nominee, dazzled students at St. Joseph's School on May 5 with his guitar prowess, assortment of percussion instruments and ability to get the audience off its feet.

The day was declared *Imaginary Window Day* at St. Joseph's School, a program involving and encouraging parent and community interaction.

Grunsky arrived at the school early in the morning to rehearse, prepared activities with various classes who used the musician's music as their source. Grunsky then incorporated their projects in his afternoon school performance.

The day-long visit by the 48-year-old artist concluded in the evening with an open house family concert.

"It's enjoyable," said Grunsky of the *Imaginary Window Day* theme, following his 45-minute show before a packed gathering of Grade 1 to 6 pupils. "It gives the teachers and students the chance to dig into the experience of music-making."

The native of Austria performs about 150 shows a year at schools, public events and festivals.